

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008

At a meeting of the **Health Services Committee**, held Thursday, April 10, 2008, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

DeSaele-Chair, Brdak, Camphous-Peterson, Doherty, Drolet, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Switalski, Torrice and Crouchman (ex-officio).

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair DeSaele called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by J. Flynn, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Torrice, to approve the December 6, 2007 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pam Larin, All about Animals Rescue

Ms. Larin spoke about the progress being made at the Animal Shelter.

**CONTINUATION OF AGREEMENT WITH TURNING POINT, INC. FOR THE
SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER (SANE) PROGRAM**

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to continue agreement in the amount of \$40,000 with Turning Point, Inc., for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program and refer to the Budget Committee.

Ms. Suzanne Coats, Executive Director of Turning Point, said they received the Champion in Action Award from Channel 7 and she showed a news piece that was played on Channel 7. She noted that April is Sexual Assault Ribbon Month and indicated that a billboard will be displayed at 14 Mile and I-94.

She introduced Ms. Gail Lippert, the new Director for the SANE Program. A brief overview was provided.

Chair DeSaele called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION BY MSU EXTENSION REGARDING FERTILIZER

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the presentation by MSU Extension regarding fertilizer.

Ms. Hannah Stevens, Agricultural Program Director, reported on healthy and productive soils, the three major nutrients of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, the sources of organic and manufactured nutrients, fertilizers and their nutrient sources, phosphorus levels and turf grass in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb Counties for 2001-02 and the forces at work to lower phosphorus movement to waterways.

Chair DeSaele called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION BY MACOMB FARM BUREAU REGARDING FERTILIZER

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the presentation by the Macomb Farm Bureau regarding fertilizer.

Mr. Glen Haack, County President, Macomb County Farm Bureau, said they are concerned about the soil environment in Macomb County and protecting the natural resources. He spoke about some of the things that farmers are using and some resources that could be used to work with the public, specifically MSU Extension and the Michigan Environmental Assistance Program through the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Mr. John Ryan, a local farmer in Lenox Township and also representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, discouraged the Board from eliminating all use of phosphorus and plant fertilizer products in the state. He said that agriculture is Michigan's second largest industry and the practices that they use as producers are based on research and recommendations from Michigan State University and MSU Extension. He noted that phosphorus is essential to all plant life and the volume and quality of food will decline without maintaining the appropriate levels.

Mr. Mathew Crews, a fourth generation farmer, and Mr. George Vanderleef, a third generation farmer, spoke against a total ban on phosphorus.

Chair DeSaele called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

DISCUSS RESOLUTION REFERRED BACK TO HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE FROM FULL BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 19, 2008

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Gielegheem, to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to draft a resolution for the next Health Services Committee meeting urging the state legislature to pass a law banning the use of fertilizer containing phosphorous, but that addresses an exemption for agriculture.

Commissioner Rengert recommended that the committee include the Chair of the Health Services Committee, the Chair of the Water Quality Board, the Chair of the Farm Bureau and a representative from MSU Extension.

Commissioner Doherty felt an Ad Hoc Committee is premature and the resolution could be adopted if examples for agriculture are included.

Chair DeSaele called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried** with Doherty, Roberts and Switalski voting “No.”

REPORT FROM WATER QUALITY BOARD

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Torrice, to receive and file a report of the Macomb County Water Quality Board outlining their March 11th meeting. **The Motion Carried.**

PROSECUTOR’S ENVIRONMENTAL UNIT REPORT FOR MARCH, 2008

Chair DeSaele noted that Ms. Laemmerman is attending a training.

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by J. Flynn, to receive and file the status report provided on the Prosecutor’s Environmental Unit for March 2008, as submitted by Luanne Laemmerman. **The Motion Carried.**

S.W.I.M. TEAM REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2008

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Drolet, to receive and file the S.W.I.M. Team Report for February 2008. **The Motion Carried.**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$35,000 TO CITY OF MT. CLEMENS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: LAKE/RIVER FUND FOR CLINTON RIVER DEBRIS REMOVAL INITIATIVE

MOTION

A motion was made by Brdak, supported by Switalski, to approve payment of \$35,000 to the City of Mt. Clemens from the Environmental Problems: Lake/River Fund for the Clinton River Debris Removal Initiative as approved May 18, 2006 and forward to the Budget Committee. **The Motion Carried.**

PROGRESS REPORT FROM MACOMB COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

MOTION

A motion was made by Switalski, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the progress report on the Macomb County Animal Shelter.

Mr. Kalkofen stated that since the March Full Board meeting, he has met with various rescue groups to discuss changes that will be necessary to implement a system to provide more adoptions from the shelter. He said they will continue to put consistent processes in place regarding hold times, identification of animals, Petfinder and putting it online, etc. He said they had a presentation from the Oakland Pet Fund and determined that a definition of a "no kill" shelter was important to discuss and agree upon. He said they have scheduled another meeting with the rescue groups.

Chair DeSaele called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION BY OAKLAND PET FUND

MOTION

A motion was made by Torrice, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the presentation by the Oakland Pet Fund.

Ms. Deborah Schutt, Chair of the Oakland Pet Fund, provided an overview on the "No More Homeless Pets" movement that is spreading across the United States and what it means to Oakland County and their vision for Michigan.

Chair DeSaele called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Doherty, to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter